

BRITISH FIGHT GROWS SAVAGE

CAMPAIGN MEETINGS ON BOTH SIDES RIOTOUSLY BROKEN UP.

Unionists in Particular Cause Get a Hearing—Peers on the Right—Plans to Curb the House of Lords—Suffragettes—Peers—London Talk—Social Life.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Dec. 18.—Newspaper columns with reports of political speeches which are being made daily all over the country, but not yet in the campaign in full swing. The drums are beating, but the people are not yet thoroughly aroused. It is already clear, however, that the campaign will be one of almost unprecedented bitterness. Meeting after meeting in every part of the country has either been broken up or rendered futile by riotous interruption.

John Burns, the Socialist Labor member of the Cabinet, has opened his campaign at Battersea by declaring that the district will incur an inextinguishable stigma if it does not return him. His meetings have been enthusiastic and unanimous, but a small army of police has been guarding the doors through which only carefully scrutinized ticketholders have been allowed to pass.

Where such precautions have not been taken the speakers have generally been unable to obtain anything like a fair hearing. This has been especially the case at Unionist meetings. Even Austen Chamberlain a couple of nights ago had to abandon an attempt to speak at a meeting in his own constituency.

A perfect flood of peers has been let loose on the country. They have been carefully selected. They are good speakers, but their public meetings have not been successful, though they have demonstrated that the hereditary peer is at any rate a good tempered fighter. When writes for the elections are issued these members of the upper house must retire to private life, for they are not supposed to take any part in elections.

As is only natural, the peers defend their own House, but it is becoming clearer every day that the Unionists do not wish to fight the elections on the question of the House of Lords. Home Rule, the budget, unemployment and tariff reform they seek to make the chief planks of their platform.

GERMAN WAR SCARE.

A feature of the week has been the publication of a series of articles by the well known Socialist leader Robert Blatchford in the Daily Mail. These articles are devoted to proving that Germany is preparing to effect the downfall of the British Empire. They are strongly worded, and although they contain nothing new to students of European politics they attract attention in quarters where the subject has hitherto been little regarded and they are being used to attack the Government for its neglect of both the army and the navy. The Government supporters taunt the Unionists with deliberately fomenting a war scare.

The Spectator, while admitting that the articles may be used as a stalking horse during the election, acknowledges the sincerity of Mr. Blatchford and expresses agreement with his views. "German warships," says the Spectator, "are being built to engage our ships."

SHUT OUT CONSERVATIVE PEERS. Together with these various points

there is being discussed somewhat academically, but with great interest, the question of how the Government if returned to power will free themselves from the yoke of the peers. The creation of a huge number of Liberal peers to commit political suicide in the upper house is no longer even suggested, and it has been declared that the Cabinet has decided to withhold writs of summons from Conservative peers.

On the reassembling of Parliament it is asserted on the Radical side, the peers have no statutory right to be summoned to the House, with the exception of three Bishops, four law lords and the Scotch and Irish representative peers. By getting the King to withhold the writs, therefore, the Government could assure itself of a majority. A semi-official agency, however, declares that this is not contemplated.

The Government's present plan, it is reported, is to first to press the budget and then a bill declaring that the House of Lords in the case of money bills has no power to amend or reject them and in the case of other bills its veto power does not extend beyond one session.

The Government is said to consider that such proposals coming from the new House of Commons, in the election of which the question of the House of Lords was such a prominent issue, could not be resisted. Then the veto power once limited the Government would be contented for a time to leave the initiative as regards a scheme of reform to the Lords themselves.

SUFFRAGE MANIFESTO.

The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, the non-militant body of which Mrs. Pankhurst is president, has issued a declaration manifesting its contentment that the question how before the electorate brings into prominence for the first time the strength of woman's claim for suffrage. The manifesto says:

The House of Lords and the Conservative party appeal to the judgment of the people, but the people are women as well as men. The Liberal party appeals against the privilege of hereditary rank, but every argument against privilege of rank tells with at least equal force against the other privilege of birth, namely sex. The line of the hour, therefore, is of such a character that it cannot be discussed without raising the fundamental principle of representative government and therefore the injustice and impolicy of excluding the whole female sex from representation.

The manifesto cites the recent speeches of Messrs. Asquith and Gladstone on December 11 and those of Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Churchill, calling attention to woman suffrage and adds: "It would not therefore be possible for our opponents after the election to say the question was not before the electorate and that the new Parliament had not received a mandate on the subject."

The London Suffrage Society has had difficult work in subduing some rebellious members, who wished to introduce suffragette tactics into the society although its constitution forbids militant methods. The question was put to a vote on Friday and the suffragettes outnumbered the suffragettes by a slight majority.

THE STAGE WORLD.

The Baroness von Hutton, formerly Miss Riddle, of Erie, Pa., who made her theatrical debut at Sir Beethoven Tree's Theatre on Thursday, says she has only taken up stage work in order to obtain

material for a new book which she is thinking about writing. She says novel writing pays better than acting, but she is enjoying her new experience very much.

The most indignant woman in London to-day is Miss Mary Dodge, who continues absolutely to deny that she has given any sum of money to start an English national theatre. Miss Dodge says she cannot understand how any such story, which is entirely without foundation, should have been started.

Sir Charles Wyndham and Mary Moore sailed for New York on the Lusitania to-day.

DEADLY THAN THE ARCTIC.
The baby walrus which was the pride of the zoo has succumbed to the rigors of the English winter. Used to the polar climate in which it was born six months ago, a couple of months experience of autumn and winter in London brought on pneumonia and congestion of the lungs.

The interesting creature used to eat fifty pounds of codfish daily. It finally refused food, and then feeding it with arrowroot through a tube was tried, but unlike the suffragettes, the walrus, although it stomachached the indignity of the tube, could not stomach the arrowroot.

ELECTRICITY TO BURN.

The English electrical supply companies have found themselves in an awkward position in consequence of the introduction of the metal filament electric lamp. The electric power stations were designed to supply current for the old fashioned lamp, but the new lamp, which is now generally used, requires less than half the amount of current that the old type used. Consequently the generating stations are capable of producing nearly twice as much current as is being used. To prevent this surplus power from going to waste the companies are making strenuous efforts to secure new spheres of custom. They are attempting to popularize the use of electricity for heating, cooking and household labor saving appliances.

SEAGUERS.

The popularity of Great Britain as a place in which to spend Christmas is shown by figures compiled by an official of a big steamship line. Between December 13 and December 21 seven steamers will arrive from New York and three from Halifax, with a total of 10,230 passengers. Not quite all of them are booked for England, but a vast majority are.

Sir Thomas Sutherland, chairman of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company, stated at a meeting of the shareholders this week that, notwithstanding the increased number of passengers carried by their steamers, the consumption of wine, beer and spirits had decreased during the last decade 50 per cent., while the consumption of mineral waters had increased, as had also the consumption of stout in the tropics.

ESPERANTO BAZAAR.

A novelty in the shape of a bazaar was opened on Friday. It was an Esperanto bazaar and it was held to commemorate Jamnoff's fiftieth birthday. Naturally

it was an international affair. Representatives from Sweden, Germany, Holland, Finland and France were present. They seemed to converse easily in the universal language.

The stall holders were a sort of mortar-boarded headpiece made in the shape of a five pointed star, which is the badge of the Esperantists. Sales were brisk. The proceeds will be devoted to the work of the various Esperanto groups in the London federation.

COURT MOURNING.

Royal deaths and invalids will sadden several courts this Christmas. In England Queen Alexandra is in mourning for her sister-in-law, while both she and the King are anxious concerning the health of the Princess Royal, who has gone to Egypt. Princess Henry of Battemberg is still nursing her son Leopold, who is recovering slowly from his attack. Queen Victoria of Spain is anxious about her husband, whose recent slight operation left him somewhat run down. Despite constant denials it is known that the health of the Czarina is seriously affected.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra will spend Christmas at Sandringham with the Prince and Princess of Wales and their children and will have a quiet celebration.

The death of Consuelo Dowager Duchess of Manchester has naturally quite changed the plans of the Duke and Duchess of Manchester (the latter formerly Miss Zimmerman of Cincinnati). They have postponed their projected trip around the world and will spend Christmas at Kilmore Castle with Mr. Zimmerman and their children.

SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS.

Lord and Lady Granard, the latter formerly Miss Beatrice Mills, will also spend the holidays in Ireland. They will have with them Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Phillips, who have taken a shooting box at Melton Mowbray, which they will close for Christmas. As Lady Granard is not in good health, the house party will be merely a family affair.

The Duke of Roxburgh has moved to Floors Castle, where he and the Duchess, who before her marriage was May Goelet, will spend Christmas. They will have Mrs. Goelet and Lord and Lady Alastair James-Ker as guests.

Mrs. George Cavendish Bentinck, formerly Miss Elizabeth Livingston of New York, with her two daughters, Mrs. J. Ford and Mrs. W. Burns, have gone to Paris for Christmas shopping.

Mr. W. Burns is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harcourt, who have a large party at Nuneham Park.

Mrs. J. Laube and Mrs. J. C. West will spend a quiet Christmas together.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor, who recently secured a divorce from her husband, will spend the holidays at Cliveden with William Waldorf Astor, Jr., and his wife and Capt. and Mrs. Spencer Clay, the latter formerly Miss Pauline Astor, daughter of William Waldorf Astor.

Gen. and Mrs. Champlin of Boston are at the Ritz, where they will stay over the New Year.

Lord and Lady Craven have postponed

their shooting party on account of the death of a relative of Lord Craven.

Capt. Cloman, the American military attaché at the embassy, and his wife sailed for New York to-day. The Captain is on a six weeks leave of absence.

T. ROOSEVELT, MORALIST.

Chosen Foreign Associate by French Academy—American Ideals.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt was to-day elected a member of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences as a foreign associate. He was elected on account of his books on morals and history. There were no votes cast against Col. Roosevelt's election, but there were two void ballots and one blank. The vote was: Affirmative, 25; void, 2; blank, 1.

In a leader commenting on ex-President Roosevelt's election as a member of the Academy of Moral Sciences the Temps points out that since Thiers the Academy has lacked a chief or former chief of State.

It goes on to compare American and French ideals and concludes that the former is that of justice and liberty of the individual and social probity and physical energy together with moral strength. For these reasons it is not far removed from the French ideal as presented to the world in the precepts and examples of France.

The Weather.

Dec. 18.—An extensive barometric area of high pressure with a severe cold wave was occupying the country yesterday in an oblong trough from the northwestern Rocky Mountains southeast to the Tennessee Valley. The temperatures were below zero from 2 to 30 degrees in the Dakotas, southern Montana, Minnesota, Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado; the crest of the cold was in Wyoming. At Lander it touched 30 degrees below zero. At Denver it was 12 below and at St. Paul 10 below. The line of freezing reached close to the west Gulf coast, and the only sections above freezing were the central and east Gulf and south Atlantic coasts. To the north of Montana it was growing warmer. Snow was falling in the lake regions, Arkansas and Tennessee Valley and rain in eastern Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida. Fair weather prevailed in the middle Atlantic and New England States and in the Southwest and Rocky Mountain States.

In this city the day was fair and colder; winds brisk southwest; average humidity, 50 per cent; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 3 A. M., 30.08; 3 P. M., 29.99.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

For eastern New York and eastern Pennsylvania, generally fair to-day; generally fair and continued cold to-morrow; moderate west to north winds.

For New England, generally fair to-day and to-morrow; moderate west to north winds.

For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, unsettled weather to-day; possibly snow; generally fair and continued cold to-morrow; moderate west to north winds.

For western New York, local snow to-day and probably to-morrow, except generally fair in southeast portion; moderate to brisk westerly winds.

For western Pennsylvania, generally fair and continued cold to-day and to-morrow; moderate westerly winds.

FUNERAL POMP FOR LEOPOLD

REMAINS TAKEN TO BRUSSELS IN TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION.

Artillery Salutes Fired—Prince and Dignitaries, as Escort—The Countess Vaughn Must Make No Second Death King's American Friend.

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BRUSSELS, Dec. 18.—The remains of King Leopold were transferred to-night from Leeken to the palace here. The hearse was drawn by eight horses harnessed in a Daumont.

Generals of the army and members of the Garde Civique rode on either side. King Albert, Count d'Oultremont and dignitaries of the household followed in court carriages. An escort of honor was provided by the Marie Henriette Squadron.

While the body was being conveyed to the hearse artillery fired salvoes. An enormous crowd witnessed the spectacle, which was of a very impressive character. The tolling of bells mingling with the booming of the guns.

The cortege was illuminated by torches carried by a regiment of mounted Guides. The will of the late King Leopold, which was filed yesterday, begins by declaring that he possesses nothing beyond the 15,000,000 francs left to him by his father, which he bequeathed to his children.

The will continues: "Apart from my nephew, Prince Albert, and members of my household, I forbid any one to attend my funeral. My papers will be destroyed or handed to Prince Albert."

Baron Goffinet, the King's private secretary, is made executor of the will.

Several high dignitaries of the Catholic Church declared yesterday that they knew nothing of the late King's marriage to the Countess Vaughn. They had never received the confidence of the King in regard to this matter. A member of the Government stated that the presence of the Baroness would be tolerated for the time necessary for her to put her affairs in order. If she provoked a scandal, he said, the Government would do its duty. No matter what position the Baroness took there were certain things which the Government could not forget.

The newspaper National declares that the report that the late King was married to Baroness Vaughn at San Remo is a pure invention.

Prince Albert, the heir to the throne, has received the following telegram from King Edward of England:

"I beg you, my dear cousin, to accept my heartfelt sympathy on the occasion of the death of your uncle, King Leopold."

When Prince Albert becomes King next Thursday he will take the name of Albert I.

The King's body was placed on a bier at 10 o'clock this morning in the presence of court dignitaries and the physicians.

London in a day or two to visit his wife. Mrs. Hill will not accompany him on this trip, but will go to Paris for a few days, which is necessary in connection with the coming out of her eighteen-year-old daughter, Katherine, previous to her presentation at the Kaiser's court.

America, Mr. Walsh said, but was interested in American society.

"The report that I acted as King Leopold's agent in this country is untrue," said Mr. Walsh. "I would not have taken the responsibility of investing money for him. But he did ask my advice at times with regard to securities. The Leopold I knew and the Leopold who has been described in connection with many scandals and the alleged atrocities in the Congo were two different men. Personally I knew nothing of Congo affairs except what Leopold himself told me. And he bitterly resented the charges made against him and denied them absolutely."

"I discussed the Congo matter with him when I went to invite him to visit this country at the time of the St. Louis exposition. He wanted very much to come to America, as he loved Americans. But there was no provision for entertaining him, so he could not come."

"On one occasion I entertained him at luncheon at Monte Carlo. Nearly every one but the King at the table was an American. Among them were Henry Watterson, former Lieut.-Gov. of Virginia, and former Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff of New York. I put Watterson next to Leopold. They soon got on intimate terms."

The subjects they did not discuss were unknown to civilization and the subjects that were discussed were such as Leopold stated an hour before that the time agreed on and that he parted with the greatest reluctance. I never saw him enjoy anything so much as that general conversation with a party of Americans, most of them of ability and standing."

"As to Leopold's ability, I am without qualification that for business, perception and accuracy he never known his equal. Had he been in this country, unimpeded by the restrictions that surround a monarch, he would have towered above John D. Rockefeller. His grasp of the widest possible range of subjects was amazing."

"His married life, as every one knows, was unhappy. He frequently spoke of the bad marriage his daughters were in. As to his last marriage to Baroness Vaughn, I can only say he acted in a manner that any American would consider only honorable."

"Young Prince Albert, who will succeed Leopold, gives promise of being a great ruler. He is about 35 years of age, well tried and has travelled all over the world. He and his uncle were on the best of terms."

DR. HILL BACK IN BERLIN.

Assessor Will Make a Flying Trip to London—His Hill Coming Out.

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BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Dr. David Jayne Hill, the American Ambassador to Germany, who returned from his visit to the United States on the 12th inst., is back at his post. He will go to London in a day or two to visit his wife. Mrs. Hill will not accompany him on this trip, but will go to Paris for a few days, which is necessary in connection with the coming out of her eighteen-year-old daughter, Katherine, previous to her presentation at the Kaiser's court.

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Fine Handkerchiefs for Men & Women
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\$5 to \$10,000	\$3 to \$1,000	\$3 to \$75
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\$10 to \$10,000	\$35 to \$2,000	\$5 to \$50
Necklaces	Combi	Locketts
\$10 to \$50,000	\$10 to \$2,000	\$4 to \$500
Plaques	Lorgnettes	Watch Chains
\$100 to \$2,500	\$15 to \$1,000	\$5 to \$100
Earrings	Vanity Cases	Cigarette Cases
\$100 to \$5,000	\$60 to \$500	\$50 to \$500
Bar Pins	Card Cases	Match Boxes
\$3 to \$1,000	\$50 to \$150	\$20 to \$500
Guard Chains	Bon Bon Boxes	Cigar Cutters
\$10 to \$5,000	\$10 to \$200	\$7 to \$100
Watches	Puff Boxes	Knives; Pencils
\$25 to \$1,000	\$10 to \$100	\$6 to \$100
Bracelets	Scarf Pins	Collar Buttons
\$5 to \$2,000	\$2 to \$5,000	\$1 to \$100
Barrettes	Fobs	Studs
\$10 to \$1,500	\$10 to \$250	\$1 to \$1,000